

**CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE TRAINING AND
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**
Component: 50.20.354, 40.20.354

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Child Abuse Training and Technical Assistance (CATTa) Program came into existence from legislative mandate pursuant to Welfare & Institutions Code (WIC) Section 18275, over 12 years ago. According to the requirements of WIC § 18276 and 18276.5, the functions and goals of the programs developed by the training centers shall include the following: training delivery, selection of trainees, and public awareness campaigns.

Since 1996, this program had been a collaborative effort between the former Office of Emergency Services (OES) and the California Department of Social Services (DSS) - Office of Child Abuse Prevention (OCAP). Two CATTa Centers, one in Northern California and one in Southern California, were selected for funding by OES and DSS - OCAP through a competitive process to implement three components statewide: Training and Technical Assistance; Capacity Building through Regional Resource Consortia; and Information Development and Dissemination. In 2006, the program ceased to receive funding from DSS – OCAP.

The former OES Director approved the release of a competitive bid for FY 2007/08. The agencies selected will continue to receive ongoing funding (no competitive bid). The new title is specific to the mandated service: Child Sexual Abuse Training and Technical Assistance (CATTa) Program. The CATTa grant was awarded to the California Institute on Human Services, Inc. (CIHSI), formerly a department under the California State University, Sonoma and Channel Islands.

The goal of the program is to provide training, technical assistance, and information to direct service providers as well as multidisciplinary teams of professionals from law enforcement, prosecution, social services, health, and mental health who work directly with child abuse victims or handle child abuse cases. The funds have been used to implement training such as Child Forensic Interview Training (Basic, Advanced, and Non-English Speaking).

FUNDS AWARDED

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Types of Funding</u>	<u>Total Funding</u>
FY 2008/09	State General Fund FY 2008	\$ 271,800
FY 2009/10	State General Fund FY 2009	\$ 271,800
FY 2010/11		Unknown

2008/09 PERFORMANCE STATISTICS

Training Delivery

- 4 One-day Child Advocacy Center (CAC) Multidisciplinary Training Model.
- 4 Three-day CFIT trainings.
- 6 One-day regional prevention training events for service providers.
- 203 Technical assistance provided to agencies throughout the state.

Capacity Building

- 6 Face-to-face meetings which serve the Child Abuse Prevention of California Networks of Child Advocacy Centers.
- 3 Collaborative training events provided to the Coalitions, including Two-day Child Forensic Interviewing Techniques (CFIT) Curriculum Review.

Information Development and Dissemination

- 2 Two directories (Multidisciplinary Interview Centers' Directory and CAC Directory).
- 30 Listserv announcements provided information on training events.
- 1 CATTa website, online training calendar.

2009/10 PERFORMANCE STATISTICS

Not Available

2000/11 PERFORMANCE STATISTICS

Not Available